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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for granting a telephone interview with Applicant's representative during which amendments to claims 1 and 11 were discussed. The Examiner suggested further clarification of the use of "statistical results" as recited in the claims.

In the Office Action dated Jan. 31, 2007, claims 1-6, 8, 10-16, 18, 20-26, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sururonen et al (Publ. No. 2003/0145228) and in view of Douglas et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,269,400). Claims 7, 17, 27, 9, 19, and 29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suuronen in view of Douglas and further in view of White et al. (IBM Research White Paper, 1999).

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite that the statistical results of abnormal events are used to determine what actions the virus monitor should take to address the potential threat from the virus. The abnormal events are defined in policies and detection rules stored in the virus monitor. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at paragraphs 0021 and 0040 in the specification. Applicant asserts that none of the cited references teach, describe, or suggest these claimed features either alone or in combination.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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